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They just got rate increase last year that they said would affect bill an average of **7 or 8 dollars a month**. Mine went up an average of \$16 a month every month since then. They are charging what they want to, just ask around we save more an still pay more.

The P.S.C. supposed to look out for the people of this state instead of these big Companies.

What kind of deal did the P.S.C. make with them last year, Behind closed doors? In 2012 Duke Energy has agreed to **an overall 6 percent increase in power bills for its South Carolina** customers, less than half the 15 percent hike it originally proposed, according to the Charlotte-based utility and regulators.

That would translate into a 7 percent hike for residential customers, 5.2 percent for commercial customers and 5.1 percent for industrial customers if the settlement is approved by the Public Service Commission.

The compromise struck 2012 also means Duke won't be able to implement a general rate hike again until Feb. 2015, according to the utility and Dukes Scott, executive director of the Office of Regulatory Staff, which is **charged with protecting the public interest in utility matters.**

However, Duke **would be allowed to raise rates by 2.74 percent in 2013 and by 2.07 percent in 2014 if it can PROVE certain planned improvements to its electricity generating system.**

These Lobbyists have got to be stopped, they are buying off every one in Government. **THIS IS ANOTHER ENRON** on the horizon!

They do not need another increase without a full audit of their profits , I thought that's why they merged with Progress to make cheaper electricity, If the P.S.C. can't do their job it needs to be shut down. I'm on disability an can't stand all these rate increases! My home needs some repairs but the government is not going to give me a increase to cover it.

I can't believe the shape the economy's in they [Duke] just keep on wanting more and more.

Duke needs to do some in house adjusting like everyone else is having to do, I have not seen anywhere that Duke was losing money, Have you? In FACT Duke Energy showed '**WIND-FALL PROFITS' the first 2 quarters in 2011.** Have you checked the NYSE stock market what (DUK) reflects a share it's outrageous. Thanks for your consideration,

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